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Contractor License Revocations

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 22 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, September 26. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

PAUL F. OSTERBIND, JR. trading as C & P CONSTRUCTION McKENNEY, VA

File Number 2006-02278

COMPLAINANT – Laura and Jeff Bublitz (Amelia, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Osterbind practiced outside his class and specialty of license; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705078609and \$10,000 in fines.

KICKING MULE FARM PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL trading as CALBO JERRY WAYNE CUMBERLAND, VA

File Number 2006-02445

COMPLAINANT – Shelly Basinger (Cumberland, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Kicking Mule abandoned the project and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705013337 and \$3,200 in fines.

File Number 2006-02450

COMPLAINANT – Farmville Seventh-Day Adventist Church (Cumberland, VA) VIOLATIONS – Kicking Mule engaged in negligence or incompetence in the practice of contracting; abandoned the project; and failed to respond to an investigator. BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705013337 and \$4,500 in fines.

W. DAVID LLEWELLYN, SR. trading as ACCENT MASONRY MIDLOTHIAN, VA

File Number 2006-02955

COMPLAINANT – Peter Kapuscinski (Dillwyn, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Llewellyn failed to execute written contracts with all required provisions; practiced outside his class of license; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705079690 and \$9,450 in fines.

W. DAVID LLEWELLYN, SR. trading as ACCENT MASONRY MIDLOTHIAN, VA

File Number 2006-02256

COMPLAINANT – Walter Jasinskas (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Llewellyn failed to execute a written contract with all required provisions; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705079690 and \$7,650 in fines.

BY DESIGN HOME IMPROVEMENT, INC. trading as PERFECT SOLUTION CONTRACTOR MINERAL, VA

File Number 2006-02380

COMPLAINANT – Jong Lee (Springfield, VA)

VIOLATIONS – By Design failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705086016 and \$6,100 in fines.

File Number 2006-02382

COMPLAINANT – Andrea and Neil Savitch (Dumfries, VA)

VIOLATIONS – By Design failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705086016 and \$6,950 in fines.

RUSSELL J. LaPLANT trading as R & R REMODELING SUMERDUCK, VA

File Number 2006-04155

COMPLAINANT – Jean Ngaiza-Rutabanzibwa and Justinian Ngaiza (Warrenton, VA) VIOLATIONS – LaPlant failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; failed to obtain required building permits; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; engaged in misconduct in the practice of contracting; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705089842 and \$8,080 in fines.

File Number 2006-00883

COMPLAINANT – Rex Hoover (Sumerduck, VA)

VIOLATIONS – LaPlant failed to complete work for which he contracted.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705089842 and \$1,700 in fines.

JAMES K. HAYNES trading as J K HAYNES HTG & A/C SERVICE ORANGE, VA

File Number 2006-03296

COMPLAINANT – Carla and Glenn Mace (Madison, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Haynes failed to notify the Board of an address change; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; and failed to complete work for which he contracted.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705050726 and \$2,625 in fines.

DECORCRAFT HOME IMPROVEMENT & DESIGN SERVICES LLC. LORTON, VA

File Number 2005-04661

COMPLAINANT – Susan Housley (Herndon, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Decorraft failed to execute the written contract; practiced outside its class of license; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705091825 and \$6,000 in fines.

File Number 2006-00833

COMPLAINANT – Gwen Pangle (Leesburg, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Decorcraft failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside its class of license; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705091825 and \$5,550 in fines.

PINETREE CONSTRUCTION, LLC. CHANTILLY, VA

File Number 2006-01071

COMPLAINANT – Carrie and Robert Brancart (Herndon, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Pinetree failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders; failed to complete work for which it contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705096700 and \$5,200 in fines.

File Number 2006-02218

COMPLAINANT – Dipmani Kumar (Fairfax, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Pinetree failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705096700 and \$1,500 in fines.

File Number 2006-04015

COMPLAINANT – Victoria Arias (Arlington, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Pinetree failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which it contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705096700 and \$5,100 in fines.

UNITED AMERICAN, INC.

VIENNA, VA

File Number 2006-01596

COMPLAINANT – Ilona and Arthur Peterson (Manassas, VA)

VIOLATIONS – United failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705010515 and \$3,450 in fines.

PORTICO CONSTRUCTION, LLC.

ARLINGTON, VA

File Number 2006-05053

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Board for Contractors (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Portico furnished inaccurate information to the Board in obtaining its license.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705088260.

DSI MULTI SERVICE CONTRACTOR, INC. PORTSMOUTH, VA

File Number 2006-04115

COMPLAINANT – Sheldon Clarke (Hampton, VA)

VIOLATIONS – DSI Multi failed to operate in the name in which its license was issued; failed to execute a written contract with all required provisions; abandoned the project; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705087609 and \$5,500 in fines.

THURMAN NEAL trading as LAREDO FENCE CHESAPEAKE, VA

File Number 2006-03059

COMPLAINANT – Rayetta Thomas (Chesapeake, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Neal failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued and abandoned the project.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705091771 and \$2,850 in fines.

BAYSIDE HOMES LLC

GREENBACKVILLE, VA

File Number 2006-02201

COMPLAINANT – Robin and David Troutman (Greenbackville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Bayside contracted with improperly licensed subcontractors and engaged in misconduct by failing to complete repairs.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705080845 and \$2,850 in fines.

JIM POWELL CONSTRUCTION, LLC. EXMORE, VA

File Number 2006-03263

COMPLAINANT – Margaret and Michael Ziegler (Chesapeake, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Jim Powell Construction abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705083725 and \$850 in fines.

GENERAL FIBER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONSHOHOCKEN, PA

File Number 2006-02322

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Board for Contractors (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS - General Fiber failed to report a change in Qualified Individual for the firm and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705072772 and \$1,800 in fines.

About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:
The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) regulates nearly 40 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses more than 100,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. For more information, visit DPOR online at www.dpor.virginia.gov.